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APPLICANT(S): Russell Heinrich

EXAMINER: Michael T. Andersen

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TITLE: **SURGICAL STAPLER AND METHOD**

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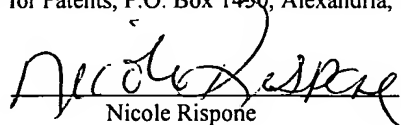
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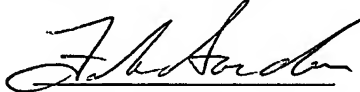
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**AMENDMENT "A"**

Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 11, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

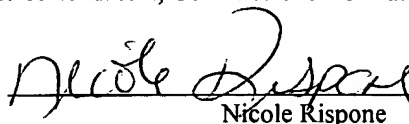
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